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Reply to Office Action of:

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Re Application of :

John DAPRON, *et al.*

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114:**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2003. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and satisfies the requirement to file a "submission" under 37 CFR §§ 1.114(a) & (c). The Final Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, the RCE and Response are filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 4, 2003, because August 2, 2003, was a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the fee for the RCE. 37 CFR § 1.17(e). Please charge any fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

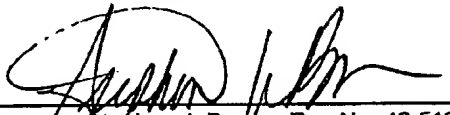
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For the reasons set forth above, entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

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